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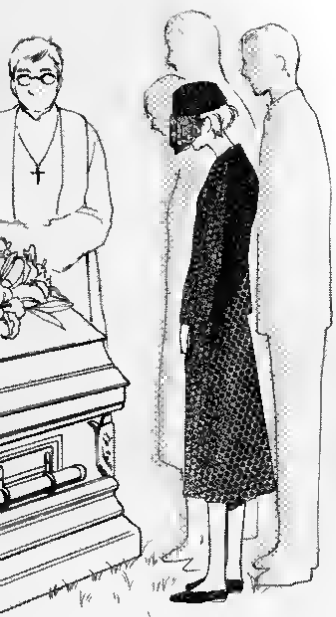
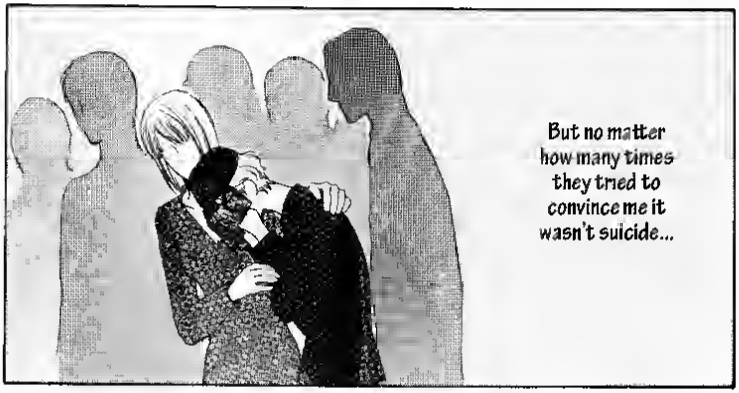
One day, Sensei said to me...

"You know, my grandmother says that when I talk about you to her, it reminds her of me when I was little."

...But the first time I met her wound up being at Sensei's funeral...



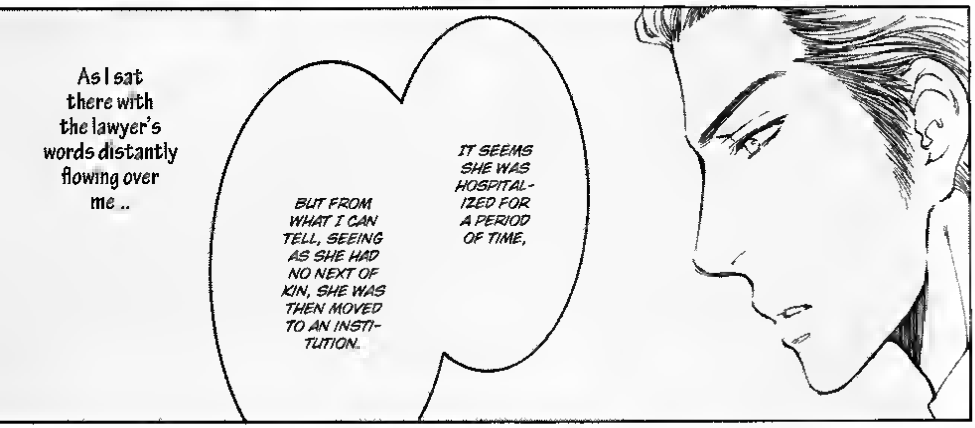
They told me... that Sensei had died in an accident coming back from my father's funeral.
"ROGER, LISTEN CLOSELY... YOU SEE, SENSEI HAS..."


But no matter how many times they tried to convince me it wasn't suicide...

...I was left to simply watch from afar...
...just like Sensei had done that day...
Unable to summon the courage to say anything...
...I couldn't help blaming myself.

YES
IT HAPPENED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AFTER MR. CROSS PASSED ON.

AN IN- STITU- TION..?


As I sat there with the lawyer's words distantly flowing over me ..
BUT FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, SEEING AS SHE HAD NO NEXT OF KIN, SHE WAS THEN MOVED TO AN INSTI- TUTION.
IT SEEMS SHE WAS HOSPITAL- IZED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME,

...DID IT COME TO THIS...?
If only...

...it felt as if all the blood in my body had suddenly just seeped out.
HOW...

I've found myself wishing that many a time.

If only I could pretend like I'd never heard it...

GOOD MOR...
GOOD MOR-NING.
...
wake...
BEBEEP
BEBEBEEP
HNGH...
BEBEBEEP
BEBEEP
AH!!
MY ARM!!
OW OW OW!!
EH?!
OWW!!
BEBEBEEP
IT'S GOTTEN BETTER NOW.
I'M FINE.
I'M REALLY SORRY...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RENO?

I'm sorry...
I WAS LYING ON IT FOR QUITE A LONG TIME, THOUGH...
SMOOCH
I--I'LL TAKE THAT AS YOUR APOLOGY
!
UWAH!!
STARTLE
HUH?
lick

IT'S-- JUST
blush
K-KISS
KISSING WITH YOUR TONGUE
I THOUGHT THAT ONLY HAPPENED ON TV
...I'M SORRY
DID YOU NOT LIKE IT...?
I WON'T DO IT ANY-MORE
...WELL...
GEEZ, YOU'VE BEEN APOLO-GIZING ALL MORNING!
Bwahaha!!
I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T LIKE IT.
CAN I TRY IT NEXT?
S...SURE
lick
brush

SFX BADUMP
HUH?
A PHONE CALL? FOR YOU?
!
Please come to the telephone room immediately.
Roger Brouwer, you have a phone call.
GUH...
UMM...
SORRY, I--I'LL GO ON AHEAD.
SURE.
IT'S FINE!
GET GOING, THEN!
He seemed really nervous..
...THAT WAS WEIRD
SLAM
...FROM HER.
IT'S PROBABLY...

That nightmare didn't end with just the one time...
WHAT DO I DO...?
badump
I NEVER EXPECTED IT TO COME SO QUICKLY...
badump
I'D PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS, BUT
badump
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME...?
The more I fought back, the worse it became...

JUST BECAUSE THAT WOMAN IS MY MOTHER...
WHY DO I HAVE TO...?
It was just...
...
"...SHE HAD NO NEXT OF KIN..."

"...I'D LIKE TO SEND IT ANONY-MOUSLY."
But even if all that I did was only for my own ego...
"WRITE YOUR NAME HERE ON THIS LINE."
Perhaps I was just looking for an explanation...
...for why I was in that situation...
...BUT I JUST DON'T CARE.
I MIGHT NOT BE FORGIVEN...
For me at that time...

...I needed it.
"I'M GLAD, YOU KNOW.
I'VE MANAGED TO CONNECT WITH YOU AGAIN IN THIS WAY."
"ROGER!"
From that day...
I just have to start over.
This time...
I won't run away.

Telephone room
As often as it takes.
YES?
THIS IS ROGER BROUWER
badump
badump
badump
YES?
WHAT?
I apologize for the sudden phone call.
I used to work as a nurse caring for Mrs. Cross.

She passed away one year ago.
When she was first admitted here, her memory was already getting a bit fuzzy...
But just before she passed, she seemed to regain quite a bit of awareness.
And that was when she asked me to hold on to a letter.. telling me to give it to you when you came forward.
..SHE'S DEAD?

SLAM
ROGER!
YOU HERE?
WELCOME BACK, RENO!
AH! I KNEW IT!!
You look just fine!
OOPS--SO YOU NOTICED?
YOU SKIPPED ALL YOUR CLASSES TODAY, DIDN'T YOU!?
WELL, WHATEVER!
toss
I'M HEADED OUT TO PLAY BASEBALL WITH TOBY AND THE OTHERS--YOU SHOULD COME, TOO!

Are you all right?
YOU'RE SURE YOU AREN'T FEELING BAD OR SOMETHING?
REALLY?
I'M FINE, I'M FINE!
THEN I GUESS THAT'S OKAY...
I'LL PASS TODAY.
YOU GO ON WITHOUT ME.
BUT TOBY'LL BE BUMMED
KNOCK KNOCK
OI!
YOU READY YET?
OPEN
UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS LIKE ROGER'S GONNA PASS TODAY!
Eeek??
YOU SICK OR SOMETHING?
SERIOUSLY?
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AFTER HEARING YOU USED TO BE ON A TEAM!
SORRY!
MAYBE NEXT TIME!
YOU'D BETTER!
In the end...

...I suppose I just can't be like them...
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE WHAT ROGER'D LOOK LIKE RUNNING AROUND OUT THERE!
YEAH, GUESS SO!
THOUGH--I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, SO I MIGHT'VE BEEN MORE DISAPPOINTED IF IT TURNED OUT HE REALLY SUCKED!
No matter how much I wish I could...
I'M HEADING OUT, BUT IF YOU WIND UP FEELING LIKE COMING, THEN DO SO, OKAY?
WE'LL BE IN THE COURTYARD
RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT! SEE YOU IN A FEW!
Make it snappy!

I CHANGED MY MIND.
DON'T GO.
IT'LL BE REALLY FU
...N.
キュ
SFX BADUMP
ドキ
STAY WITH ME
RENO.
う...?
SFX SQUEEZE

ROGER..?
IS...SOMETHING THE MATTER?
...
ROGER!!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
WA--
WAI--
blush...
GEEZ!
SFX: RUSTLE
UWAH...!
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...
.....

SFX PHUMP

I GUESS HE DECIDED NOT TO COME AFTER ALL?
HMM...
THAT'S LAME!
BUT-- WHAT HAPPENED TO RENO?
How long does he need to get changed?!
IDIOT!
DON'T THROW SO HARD!
fwop
SORRY!
SORRY!
It's dam serious!!
DON'T
HOLD YOUR BREATH
SHUDDER
JUST RELAX...
Haah...!
haa
haa...
Ah...
haa...

!!
O-OWW!!
drip
press...
Ah!
press...
AH!!
haa
haa
Ngh
drip
trumble
huff..
NGH
...EXHALE.
NOW GENTLY...
RE--REALLY?
YEAH
PER-FECT
kiss
haa...
ah

YOUR EYES ARE SWOLLEN...
SORRY...

WELL--
YOU KEPT DOING ALL THOSE DIRTY THINGS
...DID YOU NOT LIKE IT?
WE CAN... DO IT AGAIN?
.....
THEN...
PINCH
OWW!
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO ASK THAT SORT OF THING!
blush...
...

blush
BUT--I'M GONNA TRY IT ONE OF THESE DAYS TOO, OKAY!
THAT'S ALSO AGAINST THE RULES!
POOF
...I LOOK FORWARD TO IT

AH...
blush
OH! SO YOU HAD AN UP-SET STOMACH?
THE-- MEDICAL OFFICE.
step
step
HUH? HEY, RENO! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SHOCK
I DIDN'T THINK...I'D FEEL THIS EXHAUSTED.
I feel feverish...
I CAN'T... PUT UP WITH THIS ALL THE TIME
I wonder if I'll get used to it?
HEY YOU THERE
appear
YOU'RE ROGER'S ROOMMATE, AREN'T YOU?

IT IS...
CAN I HELP YOU?
Who is this guy...?
"RENOLD"... THAT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
I HAVE A FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK.
COULD YOU...
One of Roger's... customers?
YOU...
YOU'RE THE GUY WHO TIED HIM UP AND LEFT HIM, AREN'T YOU?
YOU EVEN RIPPED UP HIS VEST...
..KICK HIM OUT OF YOUR ROOM FOR ME?
COULD THIS GUY BE...

...SO IT'S ANOTHER MAN...?
...WHAT?
anger
GEEZ, HOW MANY WEIRDOS HAS HE MESSED AROUND WITH?!
HE'S HANGING AROUND WITH SOMEONE AS INTERESTING AS THAT?
Heh.
YOU SHOULD STOP SLINK-ING ABOUT...
...HE SAID HE'S STOPPED
SO IT'S USELESS FOR YOU TO PULL ANYTHING...
...AND JUST GIVE UP ON HIM

grab
I'M PISSED BECAUSE THAT GUY'S MADE A COMPLETE FOOL OUT OF ME!
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SNEAKING AROUND IN THE SHADOWS...
...THAT YOU'RE BEING MADE A FOOL OF!
SHUT UP!
STOP MAKING IT SOUND LIKE I'M HUNG UP ON HIM OR SOMETHING!

COUGH
!
PUNCH
RENOLD.
YOU'D BETTER LISTEN CLOSE.
GRAB
slump

PULL
WHERE'S THE SENSE IN COVERING UP FOR THAT WHORE AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
LISTEN UP.
I'LL AGREE TO LAUGH OFF WHAT YOU SAID TO ME BEFORE
NGH
BUT IN EXCHANGE YOU HAVE TO KICK HIM OUT OF THAT ROOM.
release
IF YOU DON'T...
WELL, OUR NEXT MEETING WON'T END SO NICELY.

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK!
HURRY IT UP!!
GRAMPS!
rustle
CAN'T YOU WAIT ANOTHER HOUR? IS IT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?
JUST HURRY UP ALREADY!!
HUH...?
THIS IS ADDRESSED TO CASANOVA
...AN INSTITUTION?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOREVER FOR THIS DAY, SO DON'T GIVE ME A HARD TIME...!
Toby...
Let's see...
Toby...
rustle
rustle

HERE!
JUST FOUND IT NOW!
TOBY...
OH, HEY CASANOVA!
IS THERE ANYTHING FOR 'ROGER BROUWER' TODAY?
SHOCK
S-SURE...
S--SORRY! THANK YOU.
DID... I DO SOME-THING ..?
!!
snatch

In The God's Arms
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